Proposal for construction of High Court building etc. in Chhattisgarh

*500. SHRI MOTI LAL VORA: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal for construction of High Court building, houses for Judges, Officers and staff in Chhattisgarh;

(b) if so, when and the details thereof;

(c) the target fixed for construction of High Court building, houses for Judges, Officers and staff; and

(d) the funds sanctioned for this purpose and by when the same will be provided to the State Government?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A proposal dated 9th April, 2002 has been received from the Registry of High Court of Chhattisgarh for construction of High Court building at a cost of Rs. 1940 lakhs, six bungalows for Judges of High Court at a cost of Rs. 580 lakhs, staff quarters for High Court at a cost of Rs. 1847.88 lakhs, and construction of staff quarters for District and Session Judge (vigilance), Bilaspur for Rs. 22.43 lakhs.

(c) No target is fixed for construction of High Court building and houses for Judges. The State Government is free to take up schemes as per the prescribed guidelines in this connection.

(d) Government of Chhattisgarh has been released an amount of Rs. 54 lakhs as Central share during March, 2002 under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for construction/extension of High Court building and residences for Judges including provision for the use of Information Technology. A conference of Registrars General of High Courts and Law/Home Secretaries of State Governments / UT Administrations is scheduled to be held on 31st May, 2002 for consideration of the release of first instalment under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme. Thereafter, sanction orders releasing funds as admissible, will be issued, *inter-alia*, to the Government of Chhattisgarh.